

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الَّذِي أَعْطَى فَأَجْزَلَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَلَهُ الشُّكْرُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا  
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، قُدْوَةٌ كُلِّ حَامِدٍ؛ فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى  
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الْحَامِدِينَ الشَّاكِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. He bestowed His favours abundantly on us. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. All the praises and thanks are due to Him. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. He was the best of all who praised Allah. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure grateful family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

# My Islaam

- This world is confusing and so are it's people, we say and do things which are polar opposites. As Muslims we need to filter through the words and actions to discern what **IS ISLAAM** and what **ISN'T ISLAAM**.
- The Prophet ﷺ was sent to establish **BALANCE- ADL**. To do things in the right way, in the balanced way – to put everything where everything belongs. **E.G.** if there are shoe racks where I need to put my shoes and I [still] put them anywhere in a disorderly way, that is a lack of 'adl (justice/balance).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَا نُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ  
لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and **do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just.** Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do. (5:8)

- In family life, we swerve from justice. Women and men swerve from justice. We do it in trade and business, in teaching and learning, in agreeing and disagreeing, and in fatwa-solving.

**If it lacks justice, equity, balance, and fairness then that is not My ISLAAM.**

**It must not be our way, regardless of who uttered it.**

# My Islaam

- **RAHMA-** In the life of a scholar, teacher, parent, friend, politician or the interactions of those we meet – if what we argue, do, say, or suggest is stripped and deprived from Rahma, **then it has nothing to do with ISLAAM.** If there is no Rahma at home, school, in the masjid, in politics, in military activities then it is **NOT ISLAAM.**

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have not sent you, except as a mercy to the worlds. (21:107)

لَا تُنَزَعُ الرَّحْمَةُ إِلَّا مِنْ شَقِيٍّ

**“Rahma (loving-mercy) shall be stripped only from a miserable one,” (Abu Dawud)**

- One whose end is in misery, in this dunya and akhira.
- If in your actions and words you are lacking **RAHMA** then this **IS NOT ISLAAM.**
- Don't use the Shariah/Islaam/Quotes of the Qur'an or Sunnah to justify your lack of RAHMA in all your affairs.

# My Islaam

- **If It Intends Undue Harm, It's Not Islaam** - The Shari'ah is all about the fulfilment of the well-being and benefit of the servants of the Divine in this world and in the Hereafter.”

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا

And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. (7:56)

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

“You shall not be of those who harm or return harm.” (Ibn Majah)

- Those who violate this norm at home, school, the masjid or in teaching, preaching or learning are not practicing **ISLAAM**.
- **If It Lacks Hikmah, It's Not Islaam** - When we do things, say things, suggest things, give fataws, argue, teach, and learn in ways that lack Hikmah, all of that is not of this deen.

الْكَلِمَةُ الْحِكْمَةُ ضَالَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ حَيْثُمَا وَجَدَهَا فَهُوَ أَحَقُّ بِهَا

“Hikmah is the lost property of the faithful one (of the believer). Wherever he or she finds it, it is their own.”

- Hikmah is to speak the beneficial truth in the right moment under the right conditions and the right modality, [all while] weighing the probable consequences.

## My Islaam

- **ISLAAM** is all about **ADL** – fairness, balance, justice, and putting things where and how they belong.
- All of it is about **RAHMA** – merciful-love.
- All of it is about **MASAALIH** – the fulfilment of the well-being of the world and its inhabitants (God’s servants) in this dunya and in akhira.
- All of it is about **HIKMAH** –doing things with wisdom, purpose, and aim, wisely and sagely.”
- Therefore, every solution, at all levels of life, that leads from justice to injustice, or from loving-mercy to the opposite, or from preserving well-being to disorder, or from wisdom to aimlessness **has nothing to do with ISLAAM**